

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2367

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served September 9, 1982

Application of TARA LINES, INC., )  
for Special Authorization to )  
Perform Charter Operations Pursuant )  
to Contract -- Military District of )  
Washington )

Case No. CP-82-06

By application filed September 8, 1982, Tara Lines, Inc., seeks authorization to operate pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under a contract with the Military District of Washington, Department of the Army (MDW), transporting Department of Defense military and civilian personnel and those persons traveling on official Department of Defense business, over irregular routes, 1/ between the Pentagon, Arlington, Va., Fort McNair, Washington, D. C., and the Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.

The contract (supplemented by a letter of award) is for a 12-month period from October 1, 1982, through September 30, 1982, at a price of \$24.50 per bus hour based on 252 days. The applicable service requires two vehicles to perform what is essentially a shuttle operation from 8:20 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., on each government workday. Each vehicle must have a minimum seating capacity of 26 passengers. Tara operates sufficient suitable equipment to meet stated service demands.

Applicant's owner is an experienced executive in the motor bus business in the Metropolitan District. He certifies that he is familiar with the terms of the Compact and the Commission's requirements thereunder and will comply therewith, and he further states that Tara has not been found unfit by any regulatory agency and is not under any fitness investigation.

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1/ There are other routes contained in the contract which are not subject to WMATC jurisdiction inasmuch as they are solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia. See Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b) of the Compact.

Tara's balance sheet as of June 30, 1982, shows current assets of \$59,790, current liabilities of \$7,500, total assets of \$172,885, and equity of \$65,786. For the six months ending June 30, 1982, Tara shows income of \$379,372 and expenses of \$350,886 for pre-tax operating revenue of \$28,486. The carrier projects operating revenue of \$98,784 from the MDW contract and operating expenses of \$61,090 for pre-tax operating revenue of \$37,694.

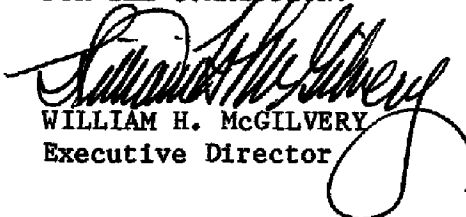
The contracting officer submitted an affidavit in support of the application. He states that between one and 26 passengers will be transported on each trip. This service has been previously provided by Metro under contract to MDW. MDW has performed a responsibility check on Tara, thus satisfying itself that the carrier has the appropriate capability of performing the required service. A certificate of insurance consistent with Commission Regulation No. 62 is on file.

Inasmuch as there is a definite intent to execute a contract for the transportation of government employees by their employer for a period in excess of 181 days, this application appears generally to be amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. <sup>2/</sup> Pursuant to Commission regulation No. 70-06, notice of this application must be published and opportunity given for the filing of protests. Protests, if any, must be written, sworn and notarized, and must contain all evidence and argument upon which the protestant would rely.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That Tara Lines, Inc., publish once, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Monday, September 13, 1982.
2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Monday, September 20, 1982.
3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with Commission Regulation No. 70-06 at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, no later than Thursday, September 23, 1982, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on counsel for applicant, L. C. Major, Jr., Esquire, Suite 304, Overlook Building, 6121 Lincoln Road, Alexandria, Va. 22312.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

  
WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
Executive Director

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<sup>2/</sup> See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979, and effective July 21, 1979.